

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-295-C - ORDER NO. 2000-898

NOVEMBER 7, 2000

IN RE: Application of Quick Connect Telephone)	ORDER GRANTING
Service, Incorporated for a Certificate of)	REHEARING AND
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	SETTING DATES FOR
Local Exchange and Interexchange)	THE PREFILING OF
Telecommunications Services, and for)	TESTIMONY AND
Flexible Regulation and Alternative)	EXHIBITS
Regulation.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of the Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration of Order No. 2000-822 by Quick Connect Telephone Services, Inc. ("Quick Connect" or the "Company") pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-1200 (1976).

Quick Connect filed an Application on June 12, 2000, requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to provide intrastate local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina and for flexible and alternative regulation. On August 15, 2000, counsel for the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) filed a Petition to Intervene in this matter. On August 31, 2000, counsel for the South Carolina Telephone Coalition filed a Stipulation agreement that had been reached between Quick Connect and the SCTC. A hearing was held in this matter on September 21, 2000. The Commission issued Order 2000-822 on October 10, 2000, denying a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Quick Connect because the witness for the Company did not show that the Company possessed the proper technical expertise required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-280 (Supp. 1999) in

order for the Commission to grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in this case. On October 20, 2000, Quick Connect filed a Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration of Order No. 2000-822.

In its Petition for Rehearing, Quick Connect noted that it has taken corrective steps in order to strengthen the technical abilities of the Company to provide the services it proposes to offer in South Carolina. The Company stated that the secretary and manager of Quick Connect has completed the BellSouth Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) Basic Training and Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS) Application Training Courses, and presented copies of her certification. In addition, the Company stated it is prepared to have its personnel complete additional training courses offered by BellSouth or other local exchange carriers as directed by the Commission. The Petition for Rehearing also stated that the other two key management personnel have extensive business and management experience; one is a certified public accountant (CPA), and the other has over twenty-one years of experience in the radio industry. The Petition stated either could testify concerning the Company's efforts to get the technical expertise necessary to properly meet its obligations as a telecommunications carrier in this state. The Commission accepts the Company's good faith efforts to strengthen its technical abilities to operate in South Carolina and hereby grants Quick Connect the opportunity for a rehearing to present testimony and evidence of its technical ability to provide services in South Carolina. The Commission hereby grants Quick Connect's Petition for Rehearing by scheduling this matter for a rehearing on **November 28, 2000, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Commission's hearing room.

We hereby establish prefilng dates for testimony and exhibits of the parties.

Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp.1999), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of Quick Connect shall be prefled on or before **November 14, 2000**. The Commission further orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and all other parties shall be pre-filed on or before **November 21, 2000**. (Material may be post-marked on these dates.) All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take notice that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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